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As a result of its deliberations, the Special Committee recommends to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* that the International Court of Justice is the principal judicial organ of the United Nations,

"*Noting* an increase in the recourse to the Court by States and the effects of such an increase on its operation,

"*Recalling* its resolution 53/106 of 8 December 1998, by which it requested the Special Committee to consider practical ways and means of strengthening the International Court of Justice,

"*Bearing in mind* the comments and observations submitted by the Court and by States on the consequences that the increase in the volume of cases before the Court has on its operation,[1]

"1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Court for the measures adopted to operate an increased workload with maximum efficiency;[1]

"2. *Invites* the Court to keep its working methods under periodic review and to adopt additional measures aimed to expedite its proceedings;

"3. *Invites* States who appear before the Court to consider favourably the guidance offered by the Court in paragraph 3 of the annex to the document containing the comments and observations of the Court,[1] and to adopt, whenever possible, any other measure that may help to expedite the proceedings."

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[1] A/53/326 and Corr.1 and Add.1

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